

# Desktop Operating Systems Standard

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### **Introduction**

The purpose of the Desktop Operating Systems Standard is to define the operating systems to be used on personal computing systems within the California state government. A standardized desktop operating system will reduce the use of disparate operating systems and reduce costs associated with licensing and maintenance which will further the intent of Government Code 11545(b) (3) which is to minimize overlap, redundancy and cost in state operations by promoting the efficient and effective use of Information Technology (IT).

### **Standard**

The standard desktop operating systems for the State include the following from Microsoft:

#### Current:

- Windows Vista
- Windows XP

#### Emerging

- Windows 7

### **Authorities**

Governor's Reorganization Plan Statutory Provision SEC. 17. Section 11545 of the Government (b) The duties of the State Chief Information Officer shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following: (2) Establishing and enforcing state information technology strategic plans, policies *policies*, standards, and enterprise architecture.

### **Implementation:**

The desktop operating systems standard are to be used for desktops, laptops, and tablet PCs. With the deployment of all personal computing devices all aspects of security and protection of data and the physical equipment must be adhered to.

Exceptions to these and other standards can be applied for by following the OCIO EA Compliance Component Instructions guidelines found in the Enterprise Architecture Developers Guide.